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SUBJ: INCLUSION OF AMERICANS IN BRITISH E&E PLAN FOR
BANDAR SRI BEGAWAN

REF: A. KUALA LUMPUR 5465 B. KUALA LUMPUR A-85, 5/9/72

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM F.G. DUNN, ASSISTANT MANAGER, BANK OF AMERICA, BRUNEI THAT HE AND OTHER AMERICANS IN THE CAPITAL CITY, BANDAR SRI BEGAWAN, BE FORMALLY INCLUDED IN THE BRITISH GOVT E&E PLAN. EMBASSY HAS MENTIONED THIS TO OFFICIALS IN THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONS IN BRUNEI AND KUALA LUMPUR AND BOTH SEEM AGREEABLE. WE DO NOT HAVE AN ACCURATE FIGURE BUT THERE APPEAR TO BE ONLY SIX TO TEN AMERICANS AND DEPENDENTS IN BANDAR SRI BEGAWAN AT PRESENT (FIVE AT BANK OF AMERICA, ONE TEACHER AND ONE BUSINESSMAN ON CONTRACT TO ROYAL BRUNEI GOVT).

2. FYI: IN ADDITION, THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 200 AMERICANS WORKING AT KUALA BELAIT NEAR SERIA ON THE SOUTH COAST OF BRUNEI FOR CONTRACTORS OF THE SHELL COMPANY. EMBOFFS VISITED KUALA BELAIT AND SERIA EARLIER THIS YEAR AND WERE TOLD THAT IF AN EMERGENCY ARISES THE AMERICANS THERE WOULD BE INCLUDED IN SHEL'S OWN E&E OPERATION.

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3. ACTION: WHILE RELATIONS BETWEEN BRUNEI AND MALAYSIA

ARE TENSE THE EMBASSY DOES NOT FEEL THE SITUATION IS LIKELY
TO LEAD TO EVACUATION OF THE BRITISH IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
THE PROBLEM OF EVACUATION COULD ARISE, HOWEVER, THEREFORE
A FORMAL APPROACH TO HMG ON THIS MATTER IS REQUESTED.
EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF ANY BRITISH REPLY.
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